



City of Seattle

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Project Update

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Reservoir Covering Project Update

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) testing has revealed small holes in the waterproofing over the 11 inch thick concrete roofs of the Beacon and Myrtle Reservoirs, and has ordered the contractor to replace it.

This does not pose any risk to the quality of the drinking water which undergoes regular testing by SPU's Washington State Certified Water Quality Laboratory.

The contractor has been given until the end of November to complete the work in both Myrtle and Beacon Reservoirs. Myrtle Reservoir and the area over the Beacon Reservoir will be ready to be turned over to the Parks Department at that time. Construction of the Jefferson Park Expansion Project by Parks Department has already begun on the north end of the Beacon site.

Between now and the end of November, the contractor will:

- Remove material from the top of the concrete lid – grass, topsoil, drain rock and drain pipe
- Remove the defective membrane by scraping and water blasting
- Clean and prepare the concrete surface
- Apply the new water proofing system
- Perform acceptance testing
- Once the work is accepted, replace the drain pipe and drain rock. Apply topsoil and hydro-seed to establish grass in Myrtle.

During the course of this work, either Myrtle or Beacon Reservoir may be taken out of service. Water service will not be impacted. Until the work is completed, the two reservoirs will remain fenced off.

SPU will be providing updates as the work progresses on the project Web site <http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services> and the flyer boxes on site.

If you have questions regarding the reservoir projects, please contact:

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